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SUBJECT: NATO-AFGHANISTAN:ITALY WILL CONSIDER DROPPING  
CAVEAT

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Classified By: Political Minister-Counselor Thomas Countryman for Reasons 1.4 (B & D)

¶1. (C) On April 12, PolMilOff conveyed RefTel points requesting that Italy lift its ISAF caveat to MFA NATO Office Director Giovanni Brauzzi and to MOD Diplomatic Advisor Achille Amerio. Brauzzi, who has the lead on NATO issues, immediately asked the Italian military Joint Operational Command (COI) to review the apparent caveat. Brauzzi's opinion was that the caveat might be merely the result of an oversight and that the COI would probably authorize removing it.

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